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LB 954, 1012

option to lay it over, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Lay it over, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill will be passed over. Mr. Clerk, the next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1012 by Senator Bruning. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, Senator Bruning, you are recognized to open on LB 1012.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 1012 is designed to address the issue of illegal plates. This is an issue that is especially acute in Sarpy County where we have the Air Force Base, and so we have a number of folks who legally are able to license their plates in other states, but what that does when you have folks who license their plates in other states legally, if you are active military, it means that other...other folks can sneak in and live around the periphery and license their cars illegally. Under current law, you drive around with an illegal plate, you get ticketed for it, and you've got ten days at any time to fix it, so what you've got is a whole host of people in Sarpy County who are gaming the system. They know that at any time they can keep their plates registered in Iowa or any other state where the fees are cheaper, and if they get caught, they get off, they have ten days to get off. This particular bill, what it does, it changes the law so that they need to go to the county attorney to have that particular provision taken care of. So if you get a ticket now, you don't get ten days to fix it. You have to pay the fine. If you can convince the county attorney that you've just moved to the state, and it's an honest mistake, you can have that ticket dropped as county attorneys often do. Now I want to talk a little bit about the process today because I'm disturbed that the process has been distorted to a degree. Earlier on Senator Chambers had asked me a question. I had refused to